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Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

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Coalition Type

Domestic violence/sexual assault

Year Formed

1978

Year Incorporated

1979

Staff

3.5 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

January 1995 - December 1995

Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

Member Programs and Services

The 22 domestic violence programs currently in operation in the state of Nebraska are members of the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault State Coalition. Twenty of these member programs are dual domestic violence/sexual assault programs; the remaining two focus solely on domestic violence. All of the member programs reported on-site shelter facilities for abused women and their children and legal and medical advocacy. Nearly all offer hotlines, shelter, education programs in schools, community education, and training. One program indicated basic needs as an additional service provided by their program. Exhibits 1 and 2 list the services provided by the coalition.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=22)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
20	Independently run domestic violence hotline
20	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
19	Support group for women
22	Legal advocacy program
22	Medical advocacy program
9	Specific support program for sheltered children
9	Services for non-sheltered children
20	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
18	Education programs in colleges or universities
21	Community education/speakers bureau
20	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Transitional/second-stage housing
4	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services (<i>basic needs</i>)

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=20)
offering various sexual assault services**

Number of programs	Service
11	Independently run sexual assault hotline
15	One-on-one counseling
13	Support group for adult women
10	Support group for teenage girls
1	Support group for male victims
9	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
7	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
2	Secondary support group for parents of victims
18	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
12	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
16	Legal advocacy program
16	Medical advocacy program
18	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
12	Education programs in colleges or universities
19	Community education/speakers bureau
16	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
8	Technical assistance
1	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
0	Other services

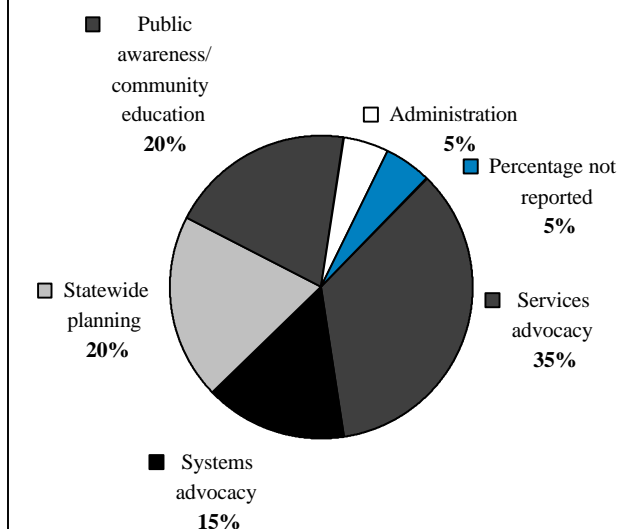
Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

Slightly more than one-third of the Nebraska coalition's efforts in 1995 were dedicated to services advocacy, and most of the remaining two-thirds was divided among systems advocacy, statewide planning, public awareness/community education. A small portion of the coalition's budget went for administration costs. Figure 1 reflects the percentage of effort expended on these five operations.

Special Projects of the Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

The coalition identified four special projects undertaken during the 1995 fiscal year.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence/sexual assault coalition level among various operations



Women Reaching Women

Description: Monthly seminars were held for inmates at the Nebraska Women's Prison.

Purpose: Direct services

Funding source: Pro bono/volunteer

Domestic Assault: The Law Enforcement Response

Description: The coalition provided 8 hours training to local police departments upon request.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: State funding

"Code: Black and Blue" - Medical Awareness Campaign

Description: The coalition provided a training program for medical personnel. Posters and physician's handbooks were developed and distributed to over 2,000 Nebraska physicians.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding Source: Federal funding

Program Sharing and Training Days

Description: Quarterly meetings for staff and volunteers of local domestic violence and sexual assault programs were held on a variety of topics.

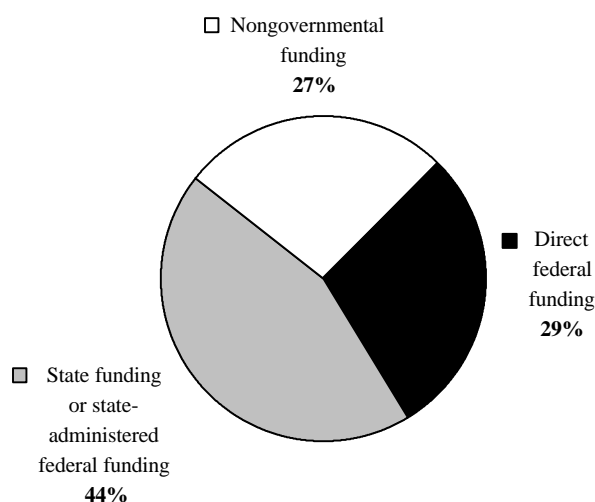
Purpose: Services advocacy

Funding Source: State funding

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition was unable to report separately on funding for domestic violence and funding for sexual assault services and prevention. Funding reported by the coalition was between \$70,001 and \$175,000. This amount falls into the lower half of total funding when compared to other domestic violence organizations in the United States. In fiscal year 1995 the coalition received 29 percent of its funding from the federal government, 44 percent from the state. The remaining 27 percent came from other sources of funding, specifically membership, interest, and money

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds: Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition



that was carried over from fiscal year 1994. No funding from either federal, state, or nongovernment sources was passed through the coalition to local programs. Figure 2 shows the sources of funding for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition.

Federal and State Funding

In fiscal year 1995 the coalition received all of its federal funding through Nebraska's state coalition grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA). The majority of the governmental funding was received from state-appropriated funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and/or prevention. Exhibit 3 depicts the sources of federal and state funding for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding reported by the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act state coalition grant (FVPSA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriated General Funds

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Local program dues and private donations composed 30 percent of the coalition's nongovernmental funding (exhibit 4). Other funding sources, specifically a balance from the year 1994, individual membership, and interest as part of the coalition's income composed the majority of funding for the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition's revenue (70 percent).

Exhibit 4. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Private donations	10%
Local program dues	20%
Other nongovernmental sources	70%

*Nongovernmental funding was 27% of total funding.

Nebraska State Government Agencies

All three agencies contacted for participation in this survey provided us with funding information for domestic violence and/or sexual assault services and prevention in the state of Nebraska.

Nebraska Department of Social Services, Human Services

Fiscal year: July 1994-July 1995

The Nebraska Department of Social Services administered funds for domestic violence services and prevention. In fiscal year 1994-95, this department distributed \$1,229,000 for domestic violence, 86 percent of which (\$1,052,000) was provided by the state, and the rest (\$177,000) by the federal government. This department distributed 95 percent (\$1,169,000) of its total amount to local domestic violence programs and 5 percent (\$60,000) directly to the state coalition.

The Nebraska Department of Social Services has contracted with the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition to perform all statewide technical assistance and information gathering. This includes tracking all statistics and funding amounts for all 22 of Nebraska's domestic violence and/or sexual assault programs.

Nebraska Crime Commission

Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995

The Nebraska Crime Commission provided funding for domestic violence services and prevention. Between July 1994 and June 1995, this department distributed \$270,000 for domestic violence, all of which was provided by the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and distributed to local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies.

The Nebraska Crime Commission noted that they also fund victim/witness units that are located in law enforcement agencies or prosecutors' offices statewide. While this is not specifically considered a domestic violence program, these units do also serve a large number of domestic violence victims, especially in felony cases.

Nebraska Department of Health

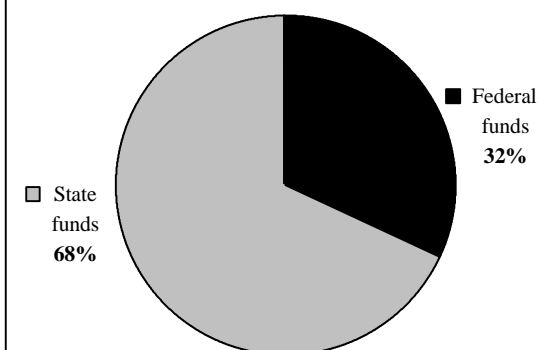
Fiscal year: July 1994-June 1995

The Nebraska Department of Health provided funds that serve sexual assault organizations. In fiscal year 1994-95, this department distributed Nebraska's Preventive Health Block Grant of \$44,000 for sexual assault prevention. The entire amount was furnished by the federal government and was distributed to other state government agencies, specifically the Department of Social Services. The Nebraska Department of Health noted that this funding is the only source for the Department of Social Services for sexual assault prevention and was uncertain what other funds were available to others. This agency also reported that they are planning for the use of the additional funds for sexual assault prevention to be provided through the Crime Bill to the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grants (PHHS). The target date for revision of the PHHS State Plan was July 1, 1996.

Federal and State Funding Reported by Nebraska State Government Agencies

Approximately \$1.5 million dollars was distributed through Nebraska state government agencies for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention. About two-thirds of these funds came from the state. The other third was generated by the federal government. The percentage of funding

Figure 3. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by Nebraska state agencies



from the federal government and the state of Nebraska appear in figure 3 and exhibit 5.

In fiscal year 1994-95, Nebraska received federal funds from several sources, all of which are common to all states. In addition to federal funds, state generated funds were distributed by Nebraska state government agencies. The sources of these federal and state funds are identified in exhibit 6 below.

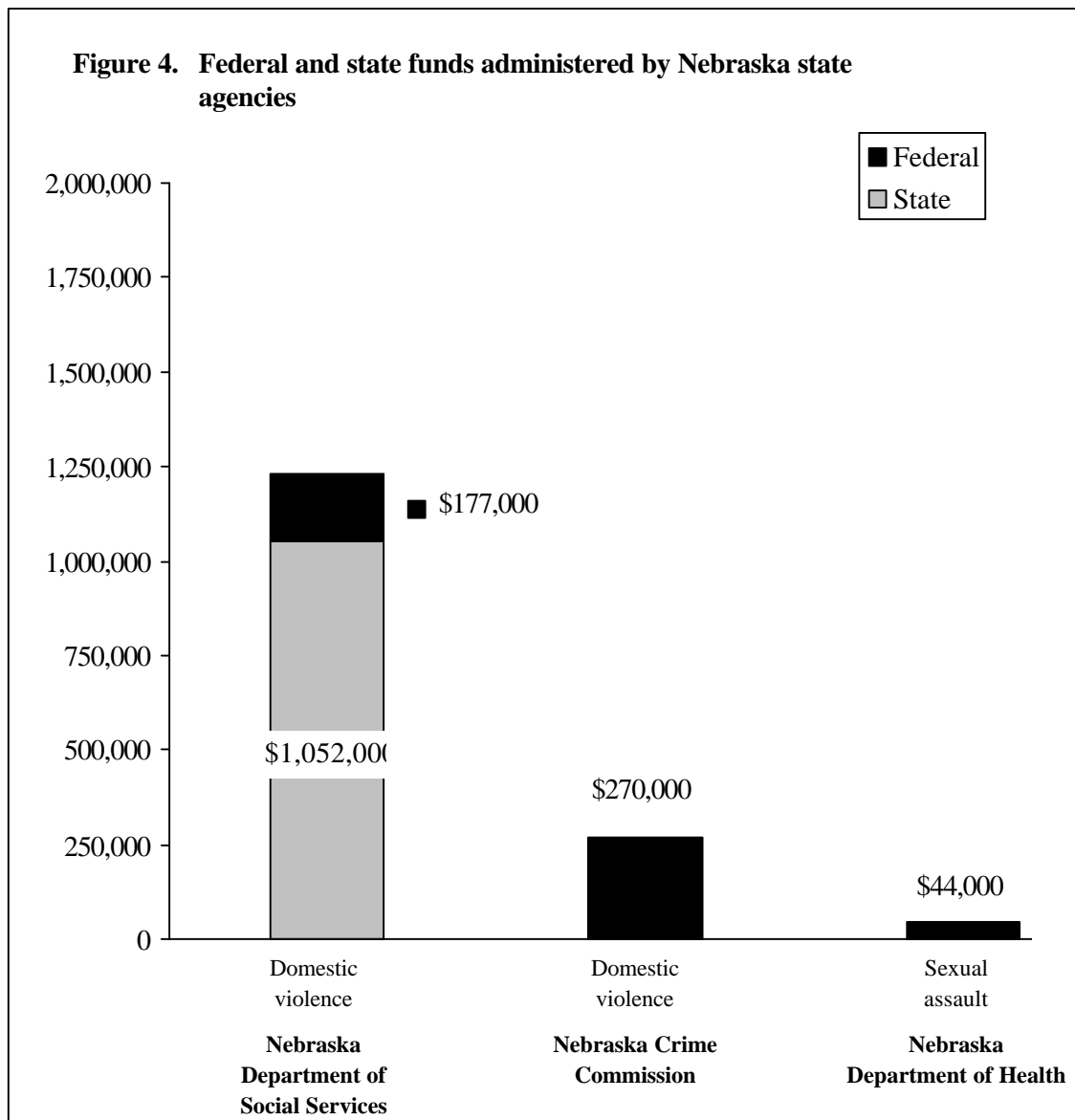
Exhibit 5. Federal and state funding totals reported by Nebraska state agencies

Federal	\$491,000
State	\$1,052,000
Total	\$1,543,000

Exhibit 6. Sources of government funding reported by Nebraska state agencies

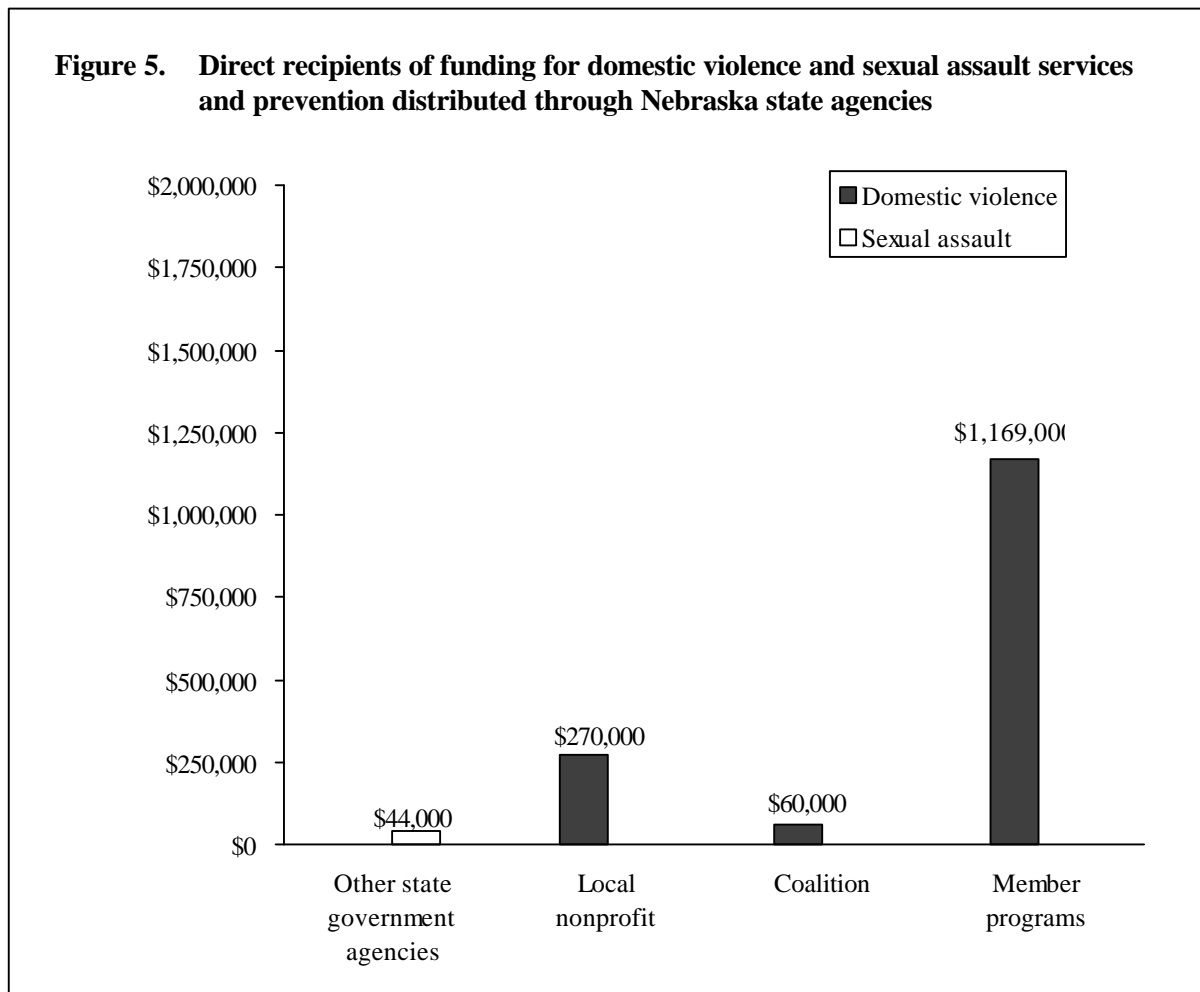
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Violence and Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant \$177,000 • Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) \$270,000 • Preventive Health Block Grant \$44,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax/revenues/general fund \$1,052,000

Most Nebraska state government agencies administered federal funds rather than state-generated funds designated to abolish violence against women. Only the Nebraska Department of Social Services oversaw state-generated funds for this cause. The amounts and types of funds distributed by each agency appear in figure 4.



Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Funds that flowed through Nebraska government organizations went to other state government agencies or local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies. Funds were also passed to the state coalition, or were given directly to the local programs themselves. Seventy-six percent of the funding was received by local programs. Local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies received 17 percent, the state coalition received 4 percent, and other state agencies received 3 percent. Figure 5 shows the distribution of state agency funds.



Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

All local programs receiving funds distributed through the state agencies are members of the Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition.

